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Signed

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Exhibit 1

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November 2, 1960

Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

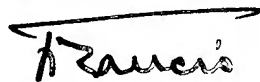
Dear Allen:

Copies of enclosed letters to Mrs. John Foster Dulles and to Eugene Black are self-explanatory. I know how busy you are, but hope to have a brief telephone conference with you with reference to other interesting mementos of your brother's life and service which may be borrowed for this exhibit for a period of ninety days. We have so many photographs and photostats that we must attempt a better balance by means of artifacts of interest and significance. Items mentioned in my letter to Mrs. Dulles are typical of what we are seeking to find.

A request has gone forward to Yale University for a loan of a clay tablet recording a treaty of 3100 B.C. If we can secure a dozen items of outstanding interest, I believe that the total exhibit will be attractive, impressive and useful.

With cordial regard, I am

Faithfully yours,



Francis S. Harmon  
Vice President

November 2, 1960

Mrs. John Foster Dulles  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Dulles:

Through our mutual friend, Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, you and your lamented husband learned of the generous action of International Nickel in providing \$5,000 for an exhibit at The Interchurch Center to be titled TOWARD PEACE AND JUSTICE. This exhibit is scheduled to open on February 25th, the birthday of Mr. Dulles. We hope that you and some of the members of your family may find it possible to be present that day.

There are twenty recessed cases in the corridors of the main floor of the Center. The portion of the exhibit to be displayed in these cases will cover highlights in the long struggle toward peace and justice from the time of Moses and the Ten Commandments to the preachments of Jesus, the writings of St. Augustine and Grotius, the early laws of the sea, the efforts for peace of the medieval merchants, the founding of this nation, and the outstanding illustrations of our use of arbitration and conciliation. Through the good offices of Secretary Herter and his staff, facsimiles of important treaties will be shown.

In case #19 the activities of Mr. Dulles as a Christian leader will be highlighted with special emphasis upon the "Six Pillars of Peace" and the numerous conferences and projects in which he and Walter Van Kirk played leading parts. In case #20 the outstanding service of your husband as Secretary of State will be emphasized. The Treaty with Japan is one vivid illustration.

Immediately after viewers have seen cases 19 and 20 in the south corridor of the main floor, they will enter a special exhibit room, the entire facilities of which will be devoted to the United Nations and its various agencies, including the International Court.

I am writing to voice the earnest hope that through your aid we may borrow for this exhibition some items of special interest. Our mutual friend, Edward H. Green, was hopeful that you would let us have the medal which the Bar Association of the State of New York presented to Mr. Dulles after he had delivered before this group one of his most important addresses, paragraphs from which are to be enlarged for easy reading. A card referring to the extraordinary number of miles which Mr. Dulles traveled in behalf of a more peaceful world would take on added interest if you should find it possible to lend us Diplomatic Passport No. 1 which bears your name and Diplomatic Passport No. 2 issued to your husband.

Mrs. John Foster Dulles - page 2

November 2, 1960

I am well aware that Princeton is constructing a special building to house your husband's papers. However, since this project is not complete, I hope that it may be possible for us to borrow the manuscript of one or more of his books, preferably the one published in 1950 which bore the title War and Peace. I am sure that other items, such as the Golden Zloty presented to him by the Government of Poland for his important service in stabilizing that country's currency, will come to mind as possibilities for our temporary use.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Allen, with whom I was privileged to work closely during the period when I was the executive in charge of the activities of the Motion Picture Export Association.

I will be in Washington for a week commencing November 12th and will telephone your home to see whether you may find it possible to see me for a few minutes without undue inconvenience.

Within the past week I have read the excellent volume edited by Pitt Van Dusen containing excerpts from your husband's addresses and writings and closed this volume more impressed than ever with his lasting contribution to the cause of peace and justice, to which his life was dedicated.

With assurances of deepest respect, I am

Sincerely yours,

Francis S. Harmon  
Vice President

cc: Mr. Allen Dulles ✓  
bc: Dr. Roswell Barnes  
Mr. Edward H. Green

November 1, 1960

Honorable Eugene Black  
President, International Bank for  
Reconstruction and Development  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

An important exhibit titled TOWARD PEACE AND JUSTICE will be opened February 25, 1961, at The Interchurch Center here in New York. The Center is the 19-story, \$28,000,000 national headquarters building for Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches, their boards and agencies which was dedicated in May. You may remember that President Eisenhower laid the cornerstone of this building in an impressive ceremony in the presence of 30,000 people on October 12, 1958.

The exhibit is made possible by a gift made prior to the death of John Foster Dulles by one of his former clients in recognition of his services to the cause of peace with justice. Secretary Harter and the staff of the State Department have cooperated fully and materially in connection with this project. The same is true of the United Nations following a conference which Dr. Ernest Gross and myself had with Hon. Andrew Cordier.

I am writing to enlist your aid in securing at least half a dozen interesting pictures of projects in which the Bank has been aiding under-developed countries. I recall seeing one in LIFE which showed steam from volcanoes being harnessed for a power plant.

Also, if there are over-all statistics of recent vintage showing the number of countries aided, the amount of the loans, etc., I believe that room may be found on one of our panels for such data. I am to be in Washington several days during the week of November 14th and shall give myself the pleasure of calling your secretary in order to follow through with the member of your staff to whom this request has been referred.

I am a native Mississippian. Henry W. Grady has been one of my heroes since my student days at the University of Virginia, so I feel a real bond with you. Also, Bob Garner and I were boyhood friends in Mississippi half a century ago.

With personal expressions of highest appreciation for the incomparable service which you are rendering to the cause of improved international relationships, I am

Sincerely yours,

Francois S. Harmon  
Vice President

cc: Chief, Department of Information

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

During your absence, I wrote Mr. Harmon and thanked him for his letter of 2 November and the enclosures.

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